

## ROBERT G. STANTON

Robert G. Stanton, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U. S. Department of the Interior and former director of the National Park Service is an Expert Member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). He was appointed to the ACHP by President Obama in October 2014. An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the educational, economic, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influence federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties.

As Senior Advisor to the Interior Secretary from 2010 to 2014, Stanton served as a key senior analyst and provided executive level advise and support to the Secretary on a wide range of environmental, educational, organizational and management challenges and opportunities and worked closely with the bureaus and offices in advancing the Secretary and the President's goals for Interior. From 2009-2010, before assuming the Senior Advisor position in the immediate office of the Secretary, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Program Management. From 2001 to 2009, Stanton was a consultant in conservation management and served as a visiting professor at Yale, Howard and Texas A&M Universities. During this period from 2001-2003, he also served as the International Union for Conservation and Nature (IUCN) Ambassador for the Fifth World Parks Congress held 2003 in Durban, South Africa.

Stanton's 40 years of Federal service included a 35- year career with the National Park Service. An experienced public administrator, Stanton in 1997 was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was unanimously confirmed by the U. S. Senate as the 15th Director of the National Park Service. He served in this position to the end of the Clinton Administration in 2001. He was the first director to undergo confirmation hearings before the U. S. Senate and the first African American to serve in this position since the National Park Service was established by Congressional legislation in 1916. Beginning with his seasonal appointment by Interior Secretary Udall in 1962 as a Park Ranger at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, he has dedicated his life work to improving the preservation and management of the nation's rich and diverse natural and cultural resources. During the course of his career, he held increasingly responsible positions including park management assistant, park superintendent, deputy regional director, regional director and at the national level assistant director for park operations, associate director for park management and operations, and director. As the director, he had policy, planning and management responsibility for the 83- million acre National Park System which included 384 natural, cultural and recreational park areas. He oversaw a wide range of partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. He managed a workforce of 20,000 permanent, temporary and seasonal employees and an annual budget of \$2.3 billion. The parks attracted 228 million visitors each year. Under his leadership, the NPS budget increased by 28 percent and major resource preservation, visitor service programs, employee development, facility improvements, and cooperative resource stewardship programs were inaugurated.

Stanton is active in professional and civic affairs. Has been nationally recognized through awards and citations for outstanding public service and leadership in conservation, historic preservation, youth programs, government relations and diversity in employment and public programs. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Huston-Tillotson University and did his graduate work at Boston University. He has been awarded five honorary doctorate degrees.

A native of Ft. Worth, Texas, Stanton, in the era of "separate but equal," grew up in Mosier Valley, one of the oldest communities in Texas founded by African Americans shortly after the U. S. Civil War. He and his wife Janet live in Fairfax Station, Virginia. They have two children and one grandchild.